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Comments:

Examiner Staicovici,

Please find attached the following documents for application number 09/539,691:

- Amendment after Final Rejection;
- Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131;
- Information Disclosure Statement with one cited reference; and
- Credit Card Form in the amount of \$180.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant: Takahiro YAMAMOTO et al.

Art Unit: 1732

Serial No.: 09/539,691

Examiner: S. Staicovici

Filed: March 31, 2000

Title: METHOD FOR MACHINING CERAMIC
GREEN SHEETS

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 15-18 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.